

Welcome to the Parish Family of the Church of the Annunciation

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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps. 95

What are you thirsty for?



Parish Mission Statement

The Church of the Annunciation is a faithful community committed to sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of our Blessed Mother Mary. All are welcome.

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Masses For The Week



**WE GIVE because
GOD GAVE FIRST**

Sat, March 11	
5:00 p.m. Lola Pujol, req. her loving family	
Sun, March 12: Third Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m. The Murtha Family	
10:30 a.m. Our Faith Formation Families	
12:00 p.m. Patricia Voorhees, req. the O'Grady family	
5:30 p.m. Parish Family	
Mon, March 13: Lenten Weekday	
7:30 a.m. James and Therese Kelly, req. Catherine Alvarez	
12:00 p.m. Courtney Schraer	
Tues., March 14:	
7:30 a.m. Danilo Cuilao, req. the Cuilao family	
Wed., March 15: Lenten Weekday	
7:30 a.m. Special Intentions for the Brave People of the Ukraine, req. Aida & Rich Aronson	
12:00 p.m. In honor of St. Joseph, req. the Windt family	
Thurs., March 16: Lenten Weekday	
7:30 a.m. Maria Cerneka, req. Nick & Mary Morin	
Fri., March 17: Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick	
7:30 a.m. Domenica Tarabocchia, req. Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Piccinich	
12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Binder & Urcioli families, req. their children	
Sat., March 18: Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem	
8:00 a.m. Nancy Carol Huffman	
5:00 p.m. Parish Family	
Sun, March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m. Deacon Joe Niland, req. the Parish Family of the Annunciation	
10:30 a.m. Maryann Wyssenski, req. Terry DeBonis	
12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Favarro & Grippa families, req. their family	
5:30 p.m. Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Healing	

Collection of March 4-5

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	\$1,571.00
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	\$865.00
10:30a.m	\$1,053.00
12 Noon	\$892.00
5:30 p.m.	\$434.00
Candles	\$160.00
Easter Flowers	\$206.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 7.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 140.00
Seasonal Expenditures	\$632.00
Total :	\$5,960.00

Why we have Maintenance / Seasonal Collections?**

The maintenance collection will assist the parish to pay for various projects that are needed. As the Winter months begin to take a grip upon us our utility bills have increased and we have to confront the cost for snow removal & salting.

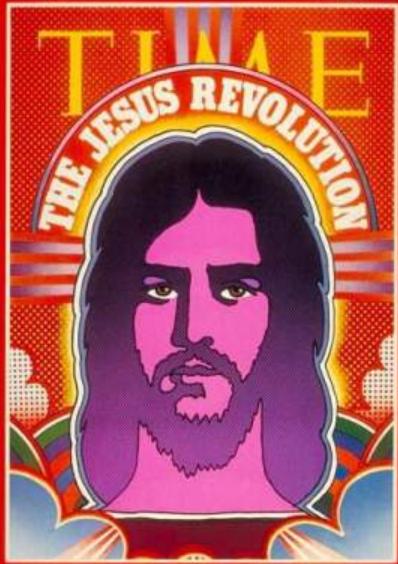
The seasonal collection assists us to pay our utility bills as well as snow removal. So needless to say, this is where your contributions will be restricted as we move forward. It should be noted that these funds are not assessed by the Archdiocese as they are restricted (ear marked).

2023 Mass Book Open

The 2023 Mass book is now open for Mass intentions for the remainder of 2023. As in the past, **each family will be entitled to purchase a total of two weekend masses**, either Saturday, 5:00 p.m. or any of the Sunday masses. **If you already purchased one of those masses for the period of January 2023 to August 2023**, please prayerfully consider your remaining weekend mass choice. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Request a
Mass Intention**

MARCH 12, 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Did you ever stop to consider how many times we find ourselves in situations where our conversations skim the surface of superficiality? After all, who wants to establish intimacy and depth with strangers? Sometimes it's best to keep things on the surface. Like cocktail party jargon. Have you ever noticed, especially on airplanes, how the person next to you will often start a conversation by asking, "*What do you do?*" **Not**, "*What do you do for a living?*" but just, "*What do you do?*" Sometimes I'm just tempted to say, "*What do I do?* Well, I get up in the morning, dress, eat breakfast, take my pills, go to work ... blah, blah, blah ..." But then, I think, "*That isn't being very nice.* After all, this person might be nervous about flying and conversation is like a tranquilizer that sets her or him at ease. Maybe I can be of help." As for myself, though, flying, for most of us, is a time of quiet reflection, reading, dozing.

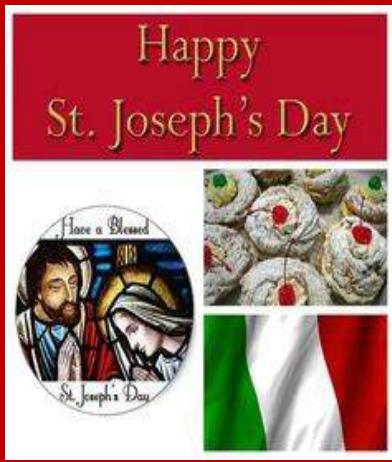
The beauty of Jesus is that he was willing to engage the Samaritan woman at a deep level. Authentic conversation presumes some shared experience, negative or positive. Here were two people living under all

sorts of laws and rules. But they were both looking for water to quench their thirst. Their conversation begins at the basic level of human need: water. In some sense both are breaking the rules. The woman isn't supposed to be out in public at high noon, and Jesus is not supposed to be speaking to a woman. Besides, there are ancient religious and social hostilities between Jews and Samaritans. **But Jesus needs help.** When we ask someone for help, it is often the beginning of the breakdown of prejudices and preconceived notions based on narrowness of judgment. To say the least, this woman has not had a stellar past life. Jesus could easily have judged her. After all, it was a patriarchal society that continually put women down. Not so with Jesus. **He accepted her. His compassion radiated the love of God.**

In 2023 when society and parochial institutions are fraught with conflict and tension over who does and does not belong, our gospel this weekend provides a great opportunity for each of us to "preach", through our words and actions, acceptance of differences among people and invite them to a place in the pew. Hmmmm....something of the very nature which evolved in the generation of the Jesus Revolution – and just perhaps we may be living through an experience of a sequel in our generation - so that when *our* preaching and *our* actions reflect that people, like the Samaritan woman, who have experienced a place of welcome in the pew may run out to tell everyone about the man, Jesus, whom she had just met.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Leo



**Church of the Annunciation
St. Joseph's Day Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
&
Community St. Joseph's Day Table**

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 6pm-9pm
Providence Hall

Catered by Amici's in Maywood

\$18.00 Adults / \$14.00 Children under 12

Includes: Salad, Bread, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Water & Children's Beverages

**All Are Invited to bring their favorite pastry to the
St. Joseph's Table**

**Tickets are available at the
Parish Center or after Mass**

RSVP March 15, 2023

Questions: 201-261-6322

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



2023 Annual Appeal Update
Wow...We Are Trending Ahead Of Last Year! Thank You!!!
Just about a month ago we launched the 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. At that time I shared the importance that we, as a parish family, reach our base goal of \$38,122.00 and please God, like last year we will as a Parish Family surpass our stretch goal \$45,201.00 so that our parish can look forward to a rebate in 2024 which will be applied to the **capital improvements**. **Last year we exceeded our stretch goal by \$13,600** (*the average gift being \$300.00*) and received a rebate check for the **first time in over 15 years in the amount as well as a 2% reduction in our assessment (an \$8,000 savings)**. Thank you Annunciation Family!

This Monday, March 13, **JAMAR**, a local contractor, will begin installing new windows in the Parish Center. Along with parish fundraising, our rebate check, generous contributors and the 2% assessment reduction we will only have to draw upon our funds partially for this project. In the long run, the building will be sealed tight and your tithing will not be going out the windows and doors in the winter and summertime – ultimately saving the parish money.

Praise God - as of this past weekend the parish family has pledged \$24,756 and has received \$20,456 towards the Annual Appeal from 82 contributors to the Appeal! Thank you all so very much for contributing towards the Appeal and setting the firm foundation for all of us to build upon!!!

Like last year, there is also the incentive that Cardinal Tobin is giving the parishes regarding the appeal - if we exceed the **stretch goal** in funds collected (**not pledged**) by **June 30th, 2023** we will receive a 2% reduction in our parish assessment fiscal year 2024! Once again this could save us approximately **\$8,000** annually in our assessment payment to the Archdiocese. **Here is an additional incentive:** Any funds collected in excess of our **stretch goal** will be returned to our parish to assist us with **NEEDED** capital improvements - such as: **remedy the interior painting of the church; repairing the foundation of the pews; efficiently update the HVAC system for heating.**

I am, therefore, asking and appealing to each family of our parish family to join me in making a pledge so that in our collective effort we will not only reach our stretch goal but please God, exceed it by June 2023.

Now what if we don't hit our goal? I want to make this as clear as I can. If we do not meet 100% of the base goal in funds collected by June 30th, that is \$38,122.00, our parish and every parish that fails to meet the base goal, will be have to make up for the shortfall as an expense with a payment due by September 30, 2023. In other words, if we do not meet at least 100% of our base goal, we are required to make up the difference.

Now a little math: Suppose all **1,314 families** contributed \$50.00. We would have all contributed **\$65,700.00** & we would see a rebate in the amount of **\$20,499.00** which would be restricted income and dedicated to capital improvement. Realistically, not all 1,314 families will be able to contribute. What if **657 families** contributed \$200.00...that would be **\$131,400** with an anticipated rebate of \$86,199.00 - which would cover the cost to remedy the interior painting of the church.

You see my friends, the more we, as members of the parish family, each understand our place in providing the resources for the church to conduct her life and ministry, the more we can reach both the pastoral as well as financial goals to assist in our own **parish capital improvements** noted above....and the more the responsibility is one that is truly shared, and not just laid upon a small number of families to bear.

I appreciate all that you have done during in the course of this past year to support your parish and I am humbled to be your servant-leader. The overwhelming sense of pride that you, as a parish family possess is electric, which will empower us to proclaim, in word and deed, that "**All Are Welcome**" at Annunciation! Please do everything you can to support your parish by sending in your envelopes to the Parish Center or make online payments via our parish website if you are unable to attend Mass at this time.

And please, as well, support the Appeal ([HERE](#)) as you are also supporting your Parish Family - **we are in this together!!!** We are fortunate here in Northeastern New Jersey to be a part of such a large and diverse local church. Our love and concern, shown in so many ways, including sacrificial giving, is such a source of peace and meaning for us all. I thank you for giving this prayerful consideration, and encouraging family, friends, and neighbors as well.

As always, I and the members of our Parish Finance Council will offer ongoing progress reports of our efforts and additional words of thanks and encouragement in the weeks and months to come. Peace and Blessings, Fr. Leo



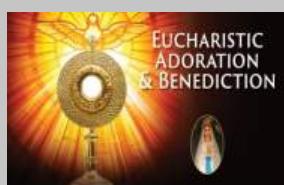
Attention all Annunciation Bakers

Our Social Concerns Ministry will be having a Bake Sale on the weekend of March 25/26. It would be a blessing to many if you could bake some goodies for us and please bring your freshly baked items to the Gathering Space in the Church on Saturday, March 25th between 2-4PM. In return please know of our prayers for you as an expression of our gratitude for baking.

(Mark if nuts or peanut butter in recipe)

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**All are welcome to the Church
of the Annunciation Prayer
Group!**

Our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish center chapel. During this time, we are

nourished with scripture and encouraged in our daily struggles with a reflection. Together we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, invoke the angels and saints and adore Our Lord, while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us every Wednesday @ 7pm in the parish center chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.



*To Everything
there is a Season,
and a Time
for Every Purpose
Under Heaven." Eccl. 3:11*

"A Time To Be Healed"

Michael K., Susan Felzner, Bonnie LoGiudice, Walter Wyssenski, Janet Mooney, Stephen Long, John Dudyshyn, Carol Reger, Toni Miles, Linda Pierson, Rose Morehouse.

"A Time to Mourn"

Courtney Schraer & Nancy Carol Huffman

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Memorials



The sanctuary lamps were donated this week in memory of **Alice Celentano** by her loving family.



**Monthly Wedding
Anniversary Blessings at
Church of the
Annunciation**



At each of the Masses on the last weekend of each month we would like to offer a prayer of blessing upon all couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary. Please call the Parish Center to advise us of your name, how many years you will be celebrating and which Mass you will be attending with your family.

*Blessings for all **March** Wedding Anniversaries will take place on March 25-26.*



Dear Parishioners, We would like to remind that if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit from Fr. Leo or one of our pastoral team members that you need to contact Fr. Leo directly by calling the Parish Center - or if it is a true pastoral emergency to follow the prompts on our phone system. Hospitals will no longer inform parishes / houses of worship directly due to HIPPA Laws.s



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